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Minnesota Manufacturers Prepare for Manufacturers Week
Events across the state aim to promote manufacturing

Minneapolis — Manufacturers, state agencies, and legislative representatives will meet at a number of events during Minnesota's Manufacturers Week, October 23 thru October 29.

A supporting sponsor of Minnesota Manufacturers Week, the Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association (MPMA), is hosting and supporting several events during the week. Most notably, MPMA, along with Minnesota Business Magazine will present the 2011 Minnesota Manufacturing Awards at the association's Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 27. The event begins with networking and a silent auction to benefit the MPMA Education Foundation at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and keynote speaker Toby Madden, Regional Economist from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Annual Meeting is held at the Doubletree Hotel Minneapolis Park Place. Visit www.mpma.com/events.html for more information and registration details.

Earlier in the week, MPMA will host the Region 9 Manufacturing Job Fair at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, MN on Tuesday, October 25. This job fair is specifically for manufacturing companies located in the nine-county area including; Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Sibley, Martin, Nicollet, Le Seuer, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. The job fair is free to attend for job seekers and is from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. Visit www.mpma.com/workforce-jobpostings.html for more information and exhibitor registration details.

MPMA will conclude Manufacturer's Week as a sponsor of the Statewide Tour of Manufacturing. On October 29, manufacturing companies are invited to open their doors for public tours.



More information and a list of participating companies are available at

www.tourofmanufacturingmn.com.

About Minnesota Manufacturers Week

Minnesota Manufacturers Week is an annual event during the last week of October. The week is filled with events meant to recognize the importance of manufacturing to Minnesota's economy. This year, during the week of October 23 – 29, MPMA along with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor events taking place throughout the week.

About Manufacturing In Minnesota

Manufacturing is the backbone of Minnesota's economy. With over 300,000 jobs statewide, the industry represents one in seven jobs, or 14 percent of all private-sector jobs. Manufacturing contributes more than \$30 billion to the state economy and represents 17 percent of Minnesota's gross domestic product.

Minnesota is a national leader in manufactured medical devices. Other industries served by Minnesota's manufacturers include: computer and electronic products, food manufacturing, fabricated metal products and machinery. The state's top manufactured export is computers and electronics, followed by machinery, medical devices and transportation equipment.

About Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association

For over 50 years, the Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association has been the leading voice in the precision manufacturing industry in Minnesota. MPMA introduces, leads and supports the initiatives and education that keeps manufacturing in Minnesota a strong and vital component of the state's economy.

For more information visit www.mpma.com.

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